

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and that you're getting down to business now that schools and the City Commission are back in session. Tropical Storm Isaac resulted in two reports of street flooding in District IV via the 24-hour Customer Service Center (954-828-8000). No reports of stormwater entering homes were received. Recognized flood-prone areas of District IV include Chula Vista, Edgewood, Flamingo Park, River Oaks, and Shady Banks. We are working with FEMA to ensure that properties in these neighborhoods and elsewhere citywide will be eligible for assistance, as needed.

Our City, Our Vision – As part of the City's "Visioning 2035" process, I held a Telephone Town Hall (TTH) meeting with the City Manager on July 17th. Approximately 9,000 neighbors participated! Your questions, comments, and ideas are appreciated. The last TTH in this series will be Vice Mayor Rodstrom's on October 18th. To join in from 6:30 – 7:30 PM, please call Toll Free 1-855-269-4484. To sign up to host a visioning "Meeting In A Box" or for Podcasts of past TTHs, please visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/vision/index.htm>. See, also, <http://ourvisionftl.com>.

Proposed City Budget – The final budget hearing is set for Tuesday, September 18th, during our regular Commission Meeting, beginning at 6:00 PM at City Hall – First Floor Chambers. To access the budget online, go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/budget.htm>.

New Homeless Initiative – The City is involved in a new housing and services project. The goal is to identify the chronically homeless who may use public systems, such as criminal-justice agencies, emergency rooms, hospitals, and physical- and mental-health facilities. Those who want help would be moved into permanent housing. Through the Frequent User Service Enhancement Initiative, we will identify these individuals and provide permanent, supportive housing for them, with intensive case management. We are partnering with the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, and United Way of Broward County, among others.

2013 NCIP and BCIP Grant Cycle – The grant cycle for these programs closes on Friday, September 28th. For details and to submit an application online, go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/NCIP/ncip.htm>.

Abandoned Properties – Following up on the interagency meeting I convened on this subject in June, the City Commission will soon be considering a new ordinance to address these properties more efficiently and effectively.

Clogged Storm Drains and Illegal Dumping into Stormwater System – Please report these to the City's 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or via <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice/index.htm>.

Downed or Missing STOP and YIELD Signs – The Broward County Traffic Engineering Division requests that residents report downed or missing STOP and YIELD signs (as well as signals out) to the main switchboard at 954-847-2600. A work order will then be processed immediately, since these issues may present imminent safety concerns. Fabrication and installation of new signage may take up to six weeks.

Nuisances – Our Police Department now has an online site with addresses and photos of properties to which nuisance-abatement warning letters have been sent by the Nuisance Abatement Board. Go to <http://www.flpd.org> and under the "Community" tab, click on "Nuisance Abatement." Not all nuisances are addressed by the Nuisance Abatement team, however. Noise complaints (barking dogs, loud music, etc.) and other non-criminal activity may be called in to 954-828-5700 for routing to the appropriate staff. Code issues may be called in to 954-828-5225. To file a nuisance-related complaint, please e-mail the following information to the Board (flnab@fortlauderdale.gov): Property address, type of complaint (e.g., suspected drug activity), and the usual time of day the activity occurs.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST –

Wednesday, October 3rd, 4:00 to 8:00 PM: Business Educational Seminar Series at the War Memorial, 800 NE 8th Street. This is a Small Business Expo with numerous exhibitors at booths and presentations by representatives from Constant Contact and Google. See <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/businessseminar/index.htm>.

Thursday, October 25th – Monday, October 29th: 53rd Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. For details, go to <http://www.showmanagement.com>.

➤ **More To See and Do**: The City's Event Calendar is at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/calendar> and the site, <http://www.riverwalkae.com/newsletter>, lists downtown activities for all ages and abilities.

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